**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH**
**ABSTRACT**

Public Services – Guntur Municipal Corporation – Allegations of according building permission in violation of Master Plan, land use and zoning regulations in Guntur Municipal Corporation - Disciplinary Proceedings initiated against Sri S.Chakrapani, the then City Planner (i/c), Guntur Municipal Corporation under Rule-20 of A.P. Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991 - Charges framed – Inquiry conducted – Imposition of a penalty of " reduction of pay by three stages in the time scale " – Orders – Issued.

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MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION & URBAN DEVELOPMENT (VIG.II) DEPARTMENT

**G.O.Rt.No.191**

**Dated.14.02.2024.**
**Read the following:**

1. From the DTCP., Letter in Roc.No.12369/2013/M2, dated.14.03.2014 Guntur.
2. GO.Rt.No.694, M.A.& U.D.(Vig.II)Dept., dated.21.08.2014.
3. Served copy of Sri S.Chakrapani, the then City Planner (i/c), received through the DTCP, A.P., vide Endt.No.12369/2013/M21, dt.04.09.2014.
4. G.O.Rt.No.336, M.A. & U.D. (Vig.II) Department, dt:06.06.2016.
5. GO.Rt.No.484, MA&UD(Vig.II) Dept., dt.05.08.2019.
6. Inquiry Report received through Lr.Roc.No.957111/2021/M2,dated.01.12.2021 of DTCP.
7. Govt.Memo.No.5875/VIg.II/2014, dt.04.03.2022.
8. Served copy of Inquiry report in respect of Sri S.Chakrapani, the then City Planner (i/c) (received through the DTCP, Letter Roc. No.957111/2019/M21, dt.06.03.2023)
9. G.O.MS.No.124, GA(SER.A) Dept., dt.04.12.2023.

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**O R D E R:-**

Whereas in the reference 1st read above, the Director of Town & Country planning, A.P., while forwarding a copy of the report of RDDTP, Guntur related to the lapses committed by the Town Planning staff while their officiation at Guntur Municipal Corporation along with draft article of charges, requested to take departmental action against Sri S.Chakrapani, the then City Planner (i/c) and others of Guntur Municipal Corporation.

2. In the reference 2nd read above, Article of Charges were framed against Sri S.Chakrapani, the then City Planner (i/c), Guntur Municipal Corporation and directed him to submit written statement of defence under Rule 20 of APCS(CCA) Rules, 1991.

3. Written Statement of Defence of C.O. was not received. But the DTCP, A.P. forwarded the served copy in respect of the charged officer, vide reference 3rd read above. After following due procedure, the Government appointed Sri V.Ramudu, Director, APCRDA as an Inquiry Officer, vide reference 4th read above. Subsequently, Sri K.Dhanunjaya Reddy, Joint Director of Town Planning, APCRDA, Vijayawada, has been appointed as an Inquiry Officer to inquire into the charges framed against Sri S.Chakrapani, the then City Planner (i/c), Guntur Municipal Corporation, vide reference 5th read above.

4. The Inquiry Authority conducted inquiry into the charges framed against the said charged officer and submitted his report, vide reference 6th read above. The Inquiry Authority held that out of (3) charges, (1) Charge was proved and (2) Charges not proved.

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5. Government have examined the findings of the Inquiry Authority and observed certain disagreement factors and after due procedure, communicated a copy of inquiry report along with said disagreement factors to the charged officer Sri S.Chakrapani, the then City Planner (i/c), Guntur Municipal Corporation with a direction to submit his written representation, if any, on the findings of the Inquiry Officer and the disagreement factors concerned, in terms of Rule 21 (2) of APCS (CCA) Rules, 1991 vide reference 7th read above. The written explanation of the C.O. has not been received. However, DTCP, A.P. forwarded the served copy of the Inquiry report in respect of the charged officer, vide reference 8th read above.

6. Government after careful examination of the matter, keeping in view of the findings of Inquiry Authority and the disagreement factors observed thereafter, have decided to impose a penalty of " reduction of pay by three stages in the time scale " against Sri S.Chakrapani, the then City Planner (i/c), Guntur Municipal Corporation; as he approved the building plan without verifying whether the land in question falls under Public & Semi Public use Zone, as per Guntur Zonal Development Plan.

7. Accordingly, the Government hereby impose a penalty of "reduction of pay by three stages in the time scale" against Sri S.Chakrapani, the then City Planner (i/c), Guntur Municipal Corporation.

8. The Director of Town & Country Planning, A.P., Mangalagiri shall take necessary further action in the matter accordingly.

9. The receipt of the G.O., shall be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

**Y SRILAKSHMI**
**SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To
Sri S.Chakrapani, the then City Planner (i/c),
Guntur Municipal Corporation - through the DTCP, A.P., Mangalagiri.
The Director of Town & Country Planning, A.P., Mangalagiri.

**Copy to:**
The Secretary to A.P. Vigilance Commission, 5th Block, A.P. Secretariat.
SF/SCs.

**//FORWARDED BY ORDER//**

**SECTION OFFICER.**